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WSP Chief Announces New Traffic Stop Brochure

This morning at the Tri-Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce meeting, State Patrol Chief Lowell M. Porter unveiled a new WSP publication called, "Traffic Stops: What to Expect from the Washington State Patrol." The idea for this brochure came out of a town hall meeting last summer in the Grandview area. A citizen inquired if the State Patrol had some type of pamphlet for motorists regarding what they should do if they were stopped by the State Patrol.

"This citizen had concerns because she said she would not know what to do if stopped by law enforcement, since she had never been stopped before. We know that getting pulled over can be a stressful experience," he said. "Our main goal is to provide public safety through education and enforcement. I hope this brochure can alleviate citizen concerns to make the traffic stop as comfortable as possible," stated Chief Porter.

The pamphlet—printed in English and Spanish—is available at State Patrol offices and on our Web site at www.wsp.wa.gov. The pamphlet addresses issues such as:

- What you can expect from the WSP?
- What happens if you are stopped by the WSP?
- Treating citizens with respect.
- Safety is our concern.

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